



LAMBS by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all and singular the Lord Lieutenants, Deputie Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, Constables, Headboroughs, and all other the Officers and Ministers of Us, Our Heires and Successors within Our Realme of England and Dominion of Wales, and all others whom it shall or may concerne, Greeting. Whereas Our well-beloued seruant Edward Sheldon Esquier, one of Our Pages of Honour, hath by his humble petition sued vnto Us, to grant vnto him power for the ordering and appoynting of sufficient Workemen for the varnishing, dressing, amending, and keeping in repaire of all the Armes of the Common Charge within Our said Realme and Dominion, according to the rates set downe in an order made for the County of Yorke, by Our right trusty and welbeloued Edmond Lord Sheffeld, late President of Our Councell in the North parts; It being found a thing beneficiall to Our Subiects, who heretofore haue receaued much losse and damage in their Armes, through the vnskillfulnes of Workemen, and likewise much auayling to the furtherance of Our seruice when neede shall require: And whereas wee, conceiuing the said suite might be requisite for the good of the Realme, were graciously pleased to referre the Consideration thereof to Our Commissioners for the office of the Earle Marshall, to take such order therein for satisfaction of Our said Seruant, as they in their wisdomes should thinke fit: And whereas Our said Commissioners vpon particular examination, and consideration had of the said suite, did find and certifie Us, that the said suite was fit to be graunted with certaine limitations in the said certificate mentioned:

Knowe yee that wee, aswell for and in Consideration of the good seruice heretofore done vnto Us, by the said Edward Sheldon, and at the speciall nomination and request of the said Edward Sheldon, haue giuen and granted, and by this presentes for Us, Our Heires and Successors doe giue, and graunt vnto Our welbeloued Subiects, Laurence Lisle, Daniell Thornes, Iohn Donington, Robert Harwood, Robert Leming, and Francis Thompson, and their assignes, full, free, sole, and absolute licence, liberty, power, priuiledge Immunity and Authority, that they and euery or anie of them, and their and euery of their Deputies, seruants and Workemen being skillfull in the trade of dressing of Armes, shall and may from time to time, and at all times during the Terme of yeares hereafter in and by these presentes graunted, varnishe, dresse, amend, and keepe in repaire all, and all manner of Armes, and Armour preserued, kept, or maintained, or which ought to bee preserued, kept or maintained at the common charge of any Countie, Citie, Borough, Towne, or other place or places, aswell within Liberties as without, within this Our Realme of England, or Dominion of Wales; Taking for the varnishment of euery white Corset, five shillings, for dressing euery blacke Corset, twelue pence, for dressing euery Musket or Caluer, twelue pence; And for repairing and amending other defects in any of the said Armes and Armors, such sum, and sums of money, as betweene the said Laurence Lisle, Daniel Thornes, Iohn Donington, Robert Harwood, Robert Leming, and Francis Thompson, and their assignes, Workmen or seruants, and the parties whom the same shall concerne shall be thought fit, concluded, and agreed vpon to be paid and answered for the same. And therefore, wee doe likewise heereby for Us, Our Heires and Successors, grant vnto the said Laurence Lisle, Daniel Thornes, Iohn Donington, Robert Harwood, Robert Leming, and Francis Thompson, their Assignes and Seruants, and euery of them, during the said terme, full power and authoritie, aswell to demand, aske, take and receiue, of the parties whom it shall concerne, for the varnishing of euery white Corset, Five shillings, for

dressing every blacke Corset, Twelue pence, for dressing every Busket or Caluer, Twelue pence, and for repairing and amending of other defects in any of the said Armes or Armour, or any other Armes, such summe and summes of money as shall be agreed vpon to be paid for the same: as also at the will and pleasure of the said Laurence Lisle, Daniel Thornes, Iohn Donington, Robert Harwood, Robert Leming, and Francis Thompson, their assignes, seruants, or workmen, to make compositions or agreements with any person or persons, bodies politique or corporate, for their labour, trauaile, and attendance in and about the varnishing, dressing, amending, and keeping in repaire from time to time, of any Armes or Armour preserued for the seruice of Us, Our Heires or Successors, at any such common charge as aforesaid, and for which no certaine fee or duty is before limited, or appointed to be taken and demanded, receiue and take the summes of money, and compositions so to bee agreed vpon and paid to their owne proper vse and behoofe. To haue, hold, vse, exercise and enioy the said licences, powers, priuiledges, liberties, immunities and authorities aforesaid, vnto the said Laurence Lisle, Daniel Thornes, Iohn Donington Robert Harwood, Robert Leming, and Francis Thompson, their Deputies and assignes, for and during the terme of twentie one yeeres, from the day of the date heereof next and immediately ensuing, and fully to be compleate and ended: And to perceiue, receiue, and take the summe and summes of money aforesaid, and all other summes of money and compositions during the said terme, to arise, grow, and to be made, by vertue of this Our Grant, vnto the said Laurence Lisle, Daniel Thornes, Iohn Donington, Robert Harwood, Robert Leming, and Francis Thompson, and their assignes, freely and absolutely without any accompt to be made to Us Our Heires or Successors for the same.

And to the end this Our Grant may take the better effect, wee doe hereby aswell straitly charge, command and prohibite all and euery the Subiects of Us, Our heires and successors, and all other person and persons (other then the said Laurence Lisle, Daniel Thornes, Iohn Donington, Robert Harwood, Robert Leming and Francis Thompson, their deputies, assignes and seruants, That they or any of them doe not at any time or times, during the said terme of one and twenty yeeres, attempt, presume, goe about or take in hand directly, or indirectly to varnish, dresse, amend or keepe in repaire any Armes whatsoever preserued for the seruice of Us, Our Heires and Successors, at any such common charge as aforesaid, within this Our Realme of England, and Dominion of Wales; As also all & singuler bodies politique and corporate, Lord Lieutenants, Deputie Lieutenants, Iustices of Peace, Maiors, Shiriffes, Constables and other Officers and Ministers of Us, our Heires and Successors whatsoever, within Our said Realme and Dominion, whom it shall or may concerne, That they or any of them doe not at any time or times during the terme aforesaid, imploy or vse any other Armourers or other person or persons (other then the said Laurence Lisle, Daniel Thornes, Iohn Donington, Robert Harwood, Robert Leming and Francis Thompson, their deputies, workmen or seruants in the varnishing, dressing, amending or keeping in repaire of any the said Armes kept or maintained vpon common charge, as they tender Our pleasure, and vpon such paines and penalties as may be inflicted vpon the Offendors for contempt of this Our Royall Commandement. And because it may fall out that such Armes of many of the Countie, Cities, Townes, or places within this Our Realme and Dominion, shal remaine in places one distant farre from another, or vpon occasion to be disperfed abroad from the vsuall places, where the same haue beene and ought to be kept, whereby the said Laurence Lisle, Daniel Thornes, Iohn Donington, Robert Harwood, Robert Leming, and Francis Thompson, and their assignes, seruants, and workmen shall be constrained to make many iourneys, or else bee enforced to stay for the said Armes to their great charges and losse of their time, Our will and pleasure is, and wee doe hereby for Us, our Heires and Successors, ordaine, command and appoint, that all and singuler such common Armes of euerie feuerall Liberty and Place, shalbe conueyed and brought vnto such place and places, being not too far distant or remote, once every yeare to be viewed, amended and repaired in manner aforesaid, and at such conuenient time and times as the said Laurence Lisle, Daniel Thornes, Iohn Donington, Robert Harwood, Robert Leming and Francis Thompson, their deputies, assignes, seruants, or workmen with the consent of the chiefe Constable of euery hundred or libertie within which the said Armes shalbe or remaine respectiue, shall thinke fit, set downe, limit and appoint.

And in case any person or persons, hauing the custodie of such common Armes, as aforesaid, shall refuse to bring the same to be viewed and repaired, then vpon certificate to the Commissioners for the Office of Earle Marshall, or to the Earle Marshall of England for the time being, the partie delinquent shall receiue such punishment as to the said Commissioners or any thre of them, or to the Earle Marshall, for the time being, shall seeme meete. And for the better effecting thereof, that the said chiefe Constables doe from time to time giue warning

and notice vnto the petty Constables within their severall limits, liberties and precincts, to cause the said Armes belonging to their liberties respectively to be conveyed and brought vnto such convenient place and places, and at such convenient time and times once every yeare, as are mentioned or intended, according to the true meaning of these presents: Whereof we likewise hereby for Us, our Heires and Successours, charge and command, that they nor any of them doe faile in any manner of wise.

And Our Will and pleasure is, That if the said Laurence Lisle, Daniel Thornes, Iohn Donington, Robert Harwood, Robert Leming and Francis Thompson, their Deputies or Assignes shall finde the Armes, vsed to be maintained at the common charge, to be diminished, lost or imbeisled, that they doe signifie Our Will and pleasure that the same shall be supplied and renewed by such as ought of right to supplie the same.

Provided alwaies that if at any time or times hereafter any Sixe or more of the Lords or others of the private Counsell of Us, Our Heires and Successours, vpon iust cause to them appearing, shall by writing vnder their hands, set downe any order in any wise touching this Graunt, either in poynt of moderation of any thing contained in it, or in the execution thereof: That then the sayd Laurence Lisle, Daniel Thornes, Iohn Donington, Robert Harwood, Robert Leming and Francis Thompson, their Assignes and workemen shall obserue and keepe such order as shall be so decreed and set downe; any thing herein contayned to the contrary notwithstanding.

And lastly Our Will and pleasure is, and wee doe hereby, for Us, Our Heires and Successours charge and command all Captaines, Muster-masters and Clerkes of Musters, to giue true Copies out of their bookes vnto the sayd Laurence Lisle, Daniel Thornes, Iohn Donington, Robert Harwood, Robert Leming and Francis Thompson, their Deputies or Assignes of all the common Armes and Armour within their severall charge, and likewise all Deputie Lieutenants, Iustices of peace, Maiors, Sheriffes, Muster-masters and Clerkes of Musters, Bayliffes, Constables, headboroughs, and all other the Officers and Ministers of Us, Our Heires and Successours, for the time being, from time to time during the terme aforesayd to be ayding, helping and assisting, to the sayd Laurence Lisle, Daniel Thornes, Iohn Donington, Robert Harwood, Robert Leming and Francis Thompson, their Assignes, Seruants and workemen in all things, tending to the execution of these our Letters Patents, according to the purport, and true meaning of the same, as they tender the pleasure of Us, Our Heires and Successours, and will answere the contrarie at their perils.

Although expresse mention of the true yeerely value or certainty of the premises or any of them, or of any other Gifts or Grants by Us, or any of Our Progenitors or Predecessours to the sayd Laurence Lisle, Daniel Thornes, Iohn Donington, Robert Harwood, Robert Leming and Francis Thompson, or any of them heretofore made in these presents is not made, or any Statute, Acte, Ordinance, Provision, Proclamation or Restraint to the contrarie thereof heretofore had, made, ordained or provided, or any other thing, cause or matter whatsoener in anywise notwithstanding.

In witnesse whereof wee haue caused these Our Letters to be made Patents: Witnesse Our selfe at Westminster the Eleuenth Day of Iulie, in the Eighteenth Yeere of Our Reigne of England, France and Ireland, and of Scotland the Three and Fiftieth.

God saue the King.

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